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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1866.

西乙年二月九日

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BANKS.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1 or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank, if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor of his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 7, 1866. 764

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000  
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000  
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION.....\$ 8,500,000  
OF DIVIDENDS.....\$ 500,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

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On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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For 5 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
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LAWYERS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 31, 1865. 2120

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000  
PAID-IN.....\$ 2,500,000

REGISTERED OFFICE,  
40, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:

In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE BANK RECEIVES Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED ON ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS.

H. A. HERTBERT,  
Manager,  
Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, July 4, 1866. 1128

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept Risks on First Class Godowns at 3 per cent. net premium per annum.

NORTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1866. 938

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of MR. FRANCISCO MAMEDE DE GONCALVES in the Firm of Messrs. ROZARIO & CO., ceases on the 31st December last. THE BUSINESS will then be carried on by the Undersigned alone, under the SAME Style as heretofore.

AUGUSTO JOSE de ROZARIO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1866. 14

### NOTICE.

M. AARON MOSES GUBRAY has been Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm in BOHARU and CHINA, on the 1st January, 1866.

E. D. SASSOON & CO.

Hongkong, January 20, 1866. 196

### NOTICE.

WE have authorised Mr. FRANK ERNST NICHOL to Sign our Firm per Procuration.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, January 4, 1866. 25

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned Passengers by S.S. CITY of SYDNEY from Honolulu to Hongkong, wish to express their hearty thanks to

J. DANIEL E. FEENEY, Captain.

J. T. SMITH, 1st Officer.

S. W. ONE, Second Officer.

J. V. C. COMPTON, Purser.

J. N. HENRY, Surgeon.

E. WARD, Chief Steward.

H. WILSON, Steward.

For their kindness and attention to our comfort during the entire voyage.

(Signed) CHUN HOK CHOW,

LEE PAT.

LOO TUCK HEM.

Hongkong, January 30, 1866. 207

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Thermometer, Watch & Clock Makers,  
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THE Second Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, Praya Central, on SATURDAY, 20th February, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 5th to 20th February, inclusive.

RUSSELL & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, January 30, 1866. 211

### NOTICE.

THE LONDON & ASIANATED WATER, LTD.

CONTINUE TO SUPPLY :

SODA WATER, LEMONADE,

TONIC, GINGERADE,

SULPHUR, RASPBERRYADE,

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At the same Moderate Charge.

Hongkong, June 9, 1865. 957

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## Business Notices.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE A FULL STOCK OF

#### New Saddlery and Saddlers' Goods,

Comprising—

JOCKEY WHIPS.

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MARTINGALES.

SURCINGLES.

BODY ROLLERS.

## TELEGRAMS.

(Via Southern Line.)

THE MINISTERIAL CRUSADE.

LONDON, 1st February.

Mr Gladstone is having frequent consultations with his colleagues, but Lord Hartington has withdrawn and Lord Derby and Carlisle, as well as Sir Henry James, have refused to join the Ministry.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND.—Apean, December 16; Argo, Dec. 22; Benarty, Marie, Dec. 29; Canton, Jan. 1; Glenarm, Bremen, Compton, Olyss, Waddenzee, January 3; Eleck, Morecambe, Jan. 12; Anchises, Hovegat, Jan. 13; Duxford, Stratford, Rosario, Jan. 22; Glengary, Strathmore, Norden, Jan. 26; Fandora, Abingdon, Jan. 27; Honolulu Bound—Oleopelash, Jan. 8; Benarty, Jan. 12; Antwerp, Jan. 14; Glencoe, Jan. 22; Denbighshire, Tigris, Jan. 26.

The next FRENCH MAIL, per the M. M. Co.'s steamer *Oreus*, is to leave Singapore for this port on Saturday, the 3rd January, at 3 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 7th February.The O. & O. Co.'s steamer *Oceanic*, with the next American Mail, left Yokohama on Tuesday, the 2nd instant, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 8th inst.The E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Guthrie* left Sydney for this port on the 3rd Jan., and may be expected here on or about the 1st Feb.The Union Line steamer *Rhine* left Singapore on the 27th Jan., and may be expected here about the 3rd Feb.The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Pelhamite*, from Liverpool, left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of the 24th Jan., and may be expected here on or about the 4th Feb.The E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Tunbridge* left Sydney on Jan. 29th, and may be expected here about Feb. 21st.DOCK MOVEMENTS.—The S. S. *Cambria* went to Aberdeen Dock yesterday.The S. S. *Genfrin* left Aberdeen Dock yesterday.

The Government Astronomer in his report to-day says:—The lowest air temperature of 40.9 was registered on the 30th and the lowest on the grass 38.3 on the 31st last.

This afternoon, another heat in the Lawn Tennis Championship took place between Dr. F. A. Harris, M.S., and Mr. G. S. Coxon, which resulted in a victory for the latter by two sets to one (3-0) (6-3) (6-1).

A YUNKMAN named Chan Ayau, who met with an accident on board a junk in the harbour about three days ago by being impaled under the guns of the English ships of war in harbour. Many natives believe that this junk-master, for whose arrest a reward of £1,000 is offered, is being hunted down on account of the death of a deceased brother; and they do not hesitate to say that he will be squeezed while there is a dollar left. To this as it may—and the question of his guilt or innocence little to do with the view taken by native residents of their security on British soil—the most ample reasons appear to exist why the men charged with this assault should have been detained in custody until an expression of regret had been made public. Indeed, it does not seem very clear to us why the prisoners were discharged at all, even although the Crown Solicitor withdrew from the prosecution. The Magistrate had before him evidence that an assault had been committed by the prisoners, and it would have been wiser and more in accordance with the independence of the magisterial bench had Mr. Mitchell, who sentenced the prisoners, and left the subsequent proceedings to the Executive. Such a course would, we fancy, have been within his powers, and certainly it would have had a better effect on the Chinese community than that of discharging the prisoners.

An escape this Chang-Chi had of being carried off under our very noses, and being impaled under the guns of the English ships of war in harbour. Many natives believe that this junk-master, for whose arrest a reward of £1,000 is offered, is being hunted down on account of the injuries received. A Coroner's inquest was to be opened on the body at 3 p.m. to-day, but as the junk on board which the accident occurred is not now in the harbour, the enquiry will doubtless be postponed.

The difficulty experienced by Mr. Gladstone in forming a Liberal Cabinet shows that the conserving wave has seriously affected the leaders of the moderate Liberals. This is not a surprising result, and it pretty fairly indicates the present temper of the country. Although a Coalition Ministry is not a popular expedient in England, it is not impossible that this may be resorted to in the present condition of parties. An appeal to the country is not likely to be made so soon after the election unless, indeed, the final settlement of the Irish Question be made a test with the entire electorate. It is a pity that the mode of dealing with the Parnellite party did not bulk more largely than it did in the last electoral campaign.

The following are the Orders of the Day for the next meeting of the Legislative Council, to be held to-morrow:—

1. The Hon. W. Kawick, pursuant to notice, will move the following resolution:—

That it is desirable to amend the Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance, 1879, by adding immediately after the words '(1) That the hull of the ship is sufficient for the service intended and in good condition' (section V, sub-section 8, clause (a), paragraph 1), the words

following, that is to say, 'provided that such Government Surveyor shall declare that the hull of any wooden paddle-wheeled river steamer is sufficient for the service intended and in good condition without requiring such river steamer to be docked, if it be reasonably proved to him that such river steamer has been re-metalled within the three years immediately preceding the date of survey and that she has not grounded since the last survey.'

2. Second reading of a Bill entitled The Religious Ceremonies and Festivals Ordinance, 1886.

3. To receive consideration in Committee of the following Bill:—

A Bill to regulate the printing of Newspapers and Books and the keeping of Printing Presses within the Colony.

4. To go into Committee on the following Bill:—

A Bill to repeal the Usury Laws to fix a legal Rate of Interest.

This proposition is said to be seriously entertained to arm the British Infantry soldier with a shield. The new implement has a surface a foot square, is bullet-proof, weighs but 3lb., and is attached to the rifle.

When skirmishers are thrown out they can thus carry their own cover with them, while by fixing the point of the shield on the ground, they will not only be protected

against the fire of the gun-of-war, and not to the west of the Chinese gunboats.

If they cannot be more narrowly watched than they are, they ought to be moored in the centre of the gun-of-war anchorage, and not to the west of the Chinese gunboats.

They will have a rest for their rifles.

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Lowest Possible Prices

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Hongkong, December 1, 1885. 2084

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LANE, CRAWFORD &amp; Co.

Hongkong, January 15, 1883. 151

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THIRD EDITION  
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Price, \$1.50.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, August 20, 1884. 1893THE REPORT OF THE TRIAL OF  
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PILET FORM, and is now on Sale—  
Price, 30 cents.

Hongkong, October 9, 1883.

## NOW READY.

PRICE, \$1.00.

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By E. H. PARKER  
Can be obtained from KELLY & WALTERS  
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## Notices to Consignees.

UNION LINE  
NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.  
FROM ANTWERP, HAMBURG AND  
SINGAPORE.THE Steamship *Mark Lane*, Captain  
Pouret, having arrived from the  
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo and Merchandise  
requested to send in their Bills of Lading to  
the Undersigned for counter-signature, and to  
take immediate delivery of their Goods  
from alongside.Cargo impeding the discharge of the  
Steamer will be taken landed and no  
Consignee will be liable for any  
expense, and no  
Fire Insurance will be effected.Optimal Cargo will be forwarded on to  
Seafarers, unless notice to the contrary be  
given before Noon To-night, the 1st Instant.All Claims against the Steamer must be  
presented to the Undersigned on or before  
the 10th Instant, or they will not be re-  
cognised.

RSSELL &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 1, 1886. 219

## To-day's Advertisements.

TO LET.

N. O. 3, MORRISON HILL  
Entry, 1st March.Apply to G. O. ANDERSON,  
13, Prince Central,

Hongkong, February 2, 1886. 227

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for  
any Debt contracted by the Officers or  
Crew of the following Vessels, during  
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

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W. M. DUNCAN, Gibb, Livingston &amp; Co.

CAROUSELLER, American ship, Capt. W.

F. STODDARD, Messengers Maritime.

COLORADO, American barque, Capt. J. D.

WYNNE, Arnold, Karberg &amp; Co.

GEORGE, British barque, Capt. William

GRIMSHAW, Agents.

Great SUGARON, American barque, Capt.

CHARLES L. FLINN, Order.

HELEN, American ship, Captain B. A.

DAY—Order.

SOUTHERN CHIEF, American ship, Capt.

J. ROSS, Captain.

SHIPPING

## ARRIVALS.

February 2 1866.

Signal, German steamer, 335, C. A. Hun-

dawton, Pakhoi January 27, and Hothow

29, General—Siemsen &amp; Co.

Yangtze, British steamer, 314, F. Schultz,

Wuhu January 27, Ricb—Siemsen &amp; Co.

Iphigenia, German steamer, 1,050, F.

Ahrens, Capt. January 27, General—

Stremm &amp; Co.

Gluckenburg, German steamer, 910, C. F.

General, Amoy and Swatow February 1,

General—Ben-Hin Chin.

Don Juan, Spanish steamer, 654, José M.

Marquez, Amoy February 1, General—

Brando &amp; Co.

Lennox, British steamer, from Whampoa.

Berney, British steamer, 1,190, Edward

Le Bouillier, London via Singapore Jan.

25, General—Gibb, Livingston &amp; Co.

Hongkong, February 2, 1886. 229

## NOTICE.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE

OFFICES will be CLOSED for the

Transaction of Public Business, on THURSDAY

NEXT DAY—January 1, 1886.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co.,

This open football game on the race-course this afternoon did not draw as many players as might have been expected. Only twelve or thirteen competitors turned up and after waiting some time after the hour named sides were selected by Mr. Metcalfe, of the 5th Regiment, and Mr. J. Stewart Lockhart. Mr. Metcalfe's first choice and selected Messrs. Watson Pike, Holworthy, Anderson, Bramwell and Ord, while Messrs. De Robeck, Brooks, G. Grinable, Young and Webber fell in on Mr. Stewart Lockhart's side.

After one goal had been made by Holworthy, it was evident that Mr. Metcalfe's team was by far the stronger and Holworthy was turned over to the other side. The game was then continued and after some fast play in rather rough ground, with plenty of mud and water, the game was finished by Dr. Watson Pike making two goals, Holworthy one goal and a try, and Metcalfe a try on the one side against one try by Holworthy on Mr. Stewart Lockhart's side.

We understand that a match is being arranged between the Northamptonshire Regiment and the Royal Artillery versus the Hongkong C. & C. and the rest of the Garrison, to take place next week. Another match which is spoken of is Ireland versus the world.

CHANG CHI, the man who was seized by a party of men from the Chinese gunboat *Ngai San* in a house in Queen's Street on the 22nd January, was brought up before Mr. Wise on a warrant this morning. Owing to a mistake in the first warrant, wherein the man was charged simply with piracy, the prisoner was discharged, but was re-arrested and brought up on a second warrant charging him with piracy and murder. Mr. Caldwell, who appeared on a former occasion for the defence of the seamen who seized the prisoner, appears to have dropped the case, and Mr. Creasy Evans appeared on behalf of the Chinese Government. No evidence was taken and the case was remanded till to-morrow. It is a rather remarkable feature in the case that the Chinese officer Chien Ti Hi, who made, through Mr. Caldwell, the first charge against Chang Chi, has disappeared. This was the man by whose orders it appears that the illegal seizure of the prisoner was effected by the seamen of the *Ngai San*, but he wisely kept himself out of sight on that occasion. We may mention, by the way, that the men from the gunboat *Ngai San* when they landed and seized the prisoner Chang Chi, were not armed as stated by our contemporary, although they had a chain and handcuffs with them with which to fetter the man they were in search of. It is a fact that the man now in custody is a pirate and a murderer, as stated, it is fully time some evidence was produced to bear out the charge. At present there is nothing against him beyond the statement of the officer Chien Ti Hi, who has not put in an appearance since he was fortunate enough to get out of the scrape when the seamen acting under his orders were first brought up on the 22nd ult. We understand that there is a reward of Rs. 1,000 on the head of the prisoner Chang Chi, and this will perhaps account for the ill-disposed zeal on the part of the officer and crew to arrest him, legally or illegally.

The Theatre was a three storied building. It was extremely well ventilated, and this probably accounts for the rapidity with which the flames spread. We believe it is not insured; but some of the ships are said to be insured in the China Fire Insurance Co. for \$20,000. The Theatre was owned by Ying Kit, of the Nau Pak Hong. Great preparations were being made for the production of a grand play on Chinese New Year's Day, the scenes having been set up for several days to allow of their being made. If the fire had taken place during a performance, the chances are that it would have been serious loss of life, for though the Theatre was provided with water tanks at each corner of the roof of the building, and the necessary fire extinguishing apparatus, most likely they would never have been used, as was the case this afternoon.

It was at first stated that five or six children, who were in the orchestra of one of the ships at the time of the fire had been burned to death, but it is now reported that there were only two, a girl aged nine and another aged five years, and there is unfortunately too good reason to believe the latter statement to be correct.

#### THE DANGER OF IMPLICIT BELIEF IN FOREIGN ADVICE.

(Translated for the "China Mail")

The *Nien Pao* of the 12th January, in an article entitled "China should not let herself be deceived," sets forth with much sense the want of system in China's attempts to acquire military power. The article may be summarised as follows:—A foreign paper announces that the two new German-built ironclads originally intended to be stationed at Port Arthur have, on account of the shallowness of the anchorage there, had to be moved to Wei Hui Wei. This is meant as a scoff at the failure of Chinese enterprise. It is also said that Port Arthur, on the fortification of which so much money and pains have been expended, is not a good strategic position on account of the bay on either side of the peninsula. This, too, seems meant to reflect on Chinese ignorance of strategy. So, when the new ships arrived, the foreign papers laughed at China, saying that now she had "no eagle for her birds," and that the vessels would have to go to Foochow waters. Foreigners must be astounded in making these statements by contempt for China; but China must not necessarily resent their ill-natured criticism, nor look on it as unworthy of consideration. Her best policy is to consider those statements

in great danger; and the roof of the cookhouse of the caretaker of the latter was actually in flames. But for the opportunity's arrival of Dr. Eitel, who personally extinguished the incipient blaze, it is almost certain that the Church would also have fallen a victim to the fire. The fire itself is said to have originated in a carpenter's shop, No. 18, Hollywood Road, on the ground floor of the Theatre-building, the whole of which was sublet as shop, some occupied as samshu stores, another as a medicine shop and others as general stores. Naturally it soon spread, the materials in the shop being of the most inflammable nature, and the efforts of the fumates to put it out, if they made any, were unavailing. In a short time it had made its way into the Theatre itself, and spreading with astonishing rapidity the whole interior was soon enveloped. Within half an hour of its outbreak, the roof had fallen in, and the flames were leaping high into the air and out of the windows, while clouds of heavy burning sparks were carried for some distance by the strong breeze blowing on to the houses to the West and South. By that time, however, some of the fire engines had arrived at the spot and were hard at work, and though it was utterly impossible to save any of the contents of the building, the water which was poured into the interior and kept playing on the walls preserved those from falling. The fire burned with great ferocity, especially in some of the shops, the heat for a considerable time was most intense, and must have tried some of the firemen severely. Notwithstanding this, they stuck well to their work, and by four o'clock, the flames were almost completely extinguished. Mr. Brower, the newly appointed Acting Superintendent of the Government Fire Brigade, was most energetic in his direction of the work, and he was ably assisted by his lieutenants, Acting Chief Inspector Grey and Mr. Wagner, Acting Assistant Superintendents. Mr. Coxon, Foreman of the Volunteer Brigade, was also present and with his men, rendered valuable assistance. We noticed that a number of the horses were run out in a manner which would have led to extreme inconvenience and confusion if the fire had taken place at night, and we would advise the new Superintendent and his assistants to give them particular attention to this branch of the work in their next practices. We would also draw attention to the part played by some enthusiastic British men-of-war's men. We are loth to say anything to discourage volunteers, and more especially British sailors, but to allow men to flounder about with a loss in the manner in which a number of tars were allowed to do this afternoon, is more likely to destroy organization than effect an absolute good. Volunteers of this class are apt to rush into dangerous places when there is no need for it, unless under proper control, and we would therefore recommend the powers that be to regulate these matters in future.

Major Dempster, Adjutant of the Police Force, was present; and a body of Police, under Inspector Bremner, kept admirable order.

The Theatre was a three storied building.

It was extremely well ventilated, and this probably accounts for the rapidity with which the flames spread. We believe it is not insured; but some of the ships are said to be insured in the China Fire Insurance Co. for \$20,000. The Theatre was owned by Ying Kit, of the Nau Pak Hong. Great preparations were being made for the production of a grand play on Chinese New Year's Day, the scenes having been set up for several days to allow of their being made. If the fire had taken place during a performance, the chances are that it would have been serious loss of life, for though the Theatre was provided with water tanks at each corner of the roof of the building, and the necessary fire extinguishing apparatus, most likely they would never have been used, as was the case this afternoon.

It was at first stated that five or six children, who were in the orchestra of one of the ships at the time of the fire had been burned to death, but it is now reported that there were only two, a girl aged nine and another aged five years, and there is unfortunately too good reason to believe the latter statement to be correct.

(Before N. G. Mitchell-Innes, Esq.)

HOI KEE, coolie, was convicted of stealing two pieces of brass, value \$1, the property of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., on the 1st instant, and was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

RAILWAY LIQUORS WITHOUT A LICENSE.

Ho Chung, a storekeeper, carrying on business at 203 Shan-hi-wan, appeared upon a summons, charging him with retailing spirituous liquors in quantities less than two gallons at one time without a license, on the 1st instant.

Inspector Swanton sent P.C. 77 to the defendant's shop with an empty bottle, which was filled with Sambu for four cents by the defendant. Further evidence as to the defendant retailing sambu was given by an informant. Inspector Swanton entered the defendant's house on the 30th ult., and found 33 jars of sambu of two gallons each in the shop.

Defendant was fined \$30, and the liquor confiscated.

Kwok-ki, a storekeeper carrying on business at No. 8 Chinese Street, appeared upon a summons charging him with retailing spirituous liquors without a license.

The evidence was to the effect that Sergeant Butler, believing that the defendant was in the habit of retailing liquors, sent a servant named Tom Ayuk to defendant's shop on the 31st ult., to buy a bottle of brandy and one of gin. Defendant ordered the liquors with a number of policemen left by him.

A. P. Palmer to reinforce the Siam garrison which will now be under the orders of the Assistant Resident, Mr. F. G. Galaghara. The Government have at last obtained the services of a practical man to enquire and report as to the existence of gold-in-workable quantities. The gentleman who has undertaken the duty is Capt. R. D. Bristow, who has had several years' experience in Queensland. The report hitherto has been rather vague, and written by persons who have had no previous experience of mining. In fact I read one report published a few months ago about gold-exploring where the "explorer" denied the principal part of his report to telling the country how to cook a fowl, and gave the change from two dollars paid. Sergeant Butler then got a warrant and accompanied by Inspector Quincey, visited the house and seized 32 cases of liquor of various kinds including a quantity of sambu. They also took possession of the account books.

Defendant was fined \$30, and the liquor confiscated.

(Before A. G. Wise, Esq.)

THE CASE AGAINST THE MAN SEIZED BY CHINESE MEN-OF-WAR'S MEN.

Chang Chi, described as a boatman, was charged by virtue of a warrant issued by order of the Government, with piracy against the law of China, on the 1st inst., at Victoria in this colony.

Inspector Bremner deposed that he arrested the prisoner yesterday on the charge to which the prisoner said nothing.

Mr. Wise on seeing the warrant discharged the prisoner. The following is a copy of the warrant upon which the prisoner was arrested:

"Writ No. 428.

In the Police Court of Hongkong.

To wit: To Dennis Delargy, a constable of the Hongkong Police Force, and to all other constables of the said Colony.

Whereas His Excellency William Henry Marsh, &c., the officer Administering the Government of this Colony and its dependencies, has forwarded to me a communication made to him by an officer of the Chinese Government, desiring the arrest of Chang Chi, a Chinese subject now within the Colony of Hongkong, alleged to have committed a certain crime against the Law of China, to wit, Piracy, and whereas the said William Henry Marsh has, by order under his hand directed me to issue my warrant for the apprehension of the said Chang Chi, a Chinese subject now within the Colony of Hongkong, to have him brought before me to answer for the aforementioned offence.

Given under my hand and seal at the Police Court of the Colony this first day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

(Signed) A. G. WISE, Police Magistrate.

"I hereby certify that I have executed this warrant by arresting the person named Chang Chi at no. 12, Queen's Street.

1st February, 1886.

(Signed) D. BREMNER, Inspecteur de Police.

Immediately after the prisoner was discharged upon this warrant, another warrant was issued in similar terms but charging the prisoner with murder as well as piracy, and the prisoner was re-arrested and again brought before Mr. Wise.

Mr. Bremner stated that he appeared for the Chinese Government and charged the prisoner with murder as well as piracy, and the prisoner was found guilty and heavily mutilated, and his head cut off by the executioner.

Inspector Bremner deposed that he arrested the prisoner, Chang Chi yesterday, and produced his warrant.

His Honor said that he understood the prisoner would do as he was told.

Mr. Watson stated that he would do as he was told.

On the 27th ult., there were three skirmishes in the neighbourhood of Mandalay. One at Sagam, or rather at a pagaoda some miles inland, where 35 men of the Hampshire Regiment and 40 Madras sepoys of 23rd M. N. I. commanded by Lieutenant Cockrane and Lys, were repulsed. In an attack on a band of dacoits entrenched in a pagoda, Lieutenant Cockrane was killed, 3 of the Hampshire's and three Sepoys were wounded and one Sepoy missing. Our men retreated to Sagam. A force will be sent out to attack this band.

On the same day, to the south of Mandalay, a force of Madras sepoys, starting from the great Arakan pagoda, had an engagement with a body of dacoits, who were defeated. General White and Mr. Bernard were present at this fight.

On the same day, to the north-east of the city, two columns were sent out, under Colonels Gordon and Middleton, to attack a large body of dacoits who were ravaging the country to within three miles of Mandalay hill. The dacoits were defeated in two skirmishes, with a loss of 80 killed and wounded. They however, succeeded in retreating to the hills. We had two guns out, which did great execution.

Two of the Aloumpro Princes have raised the standard of revolt, one at or near Mandalay, the other in the Shan country.

There is no news of the Bhamo force since the 19th ult. General White, v.c., is now in command at Mandalay, and the 21st S-pombe 1824 hill has been captured.

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